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Things without head or tail, or form, or grace;
A wild, forc'd, glaring, unconnected maſs.
Harlequin Horace.

AN Abridgment of Faithful Memoirs of the Life, Amours, &c. of Mrs. ANNE OLDFIELD, by WILLIAM EGERTON, Eſq; preſented to the Grubean Society by Mr. MÆVIUS, on Wedneſday, Feb. 25, 1730-1, and then ordered to be publiſhed.

This ingenious Author begins his *Introduction* with an admirable ſentence, which gives the Reader a juſt notion of his great abilities, and ſhews how equal they are to the work he has undertaken. 'The loſs which the polite part of the Town has ſuſtained, in the death of Mrs. OLDFIELD, muſt be allowed to be irreparable; becauſe, in Comedy, as ſhe never had, ſo ſhe has not left her equal. The truth of this *muſt* neceſſarily *be allowed*, being grounded upon this ſelf-evident Propoſition, That whatever is not actually repaired at preſent, is *irreparable*, or impoſſible to be repaired: *ſhe never had her Equal; ſhe has not left her Equal:* therefore, ſhe can never have her Equal. —— He then gives us 7 pages tranſcribed from the *Tatlers*, concerning the uſe of dramatical repreſentations; and concludes his *Introduction* with Mrs. OLDFIELD's qualifications as a Player, in 2 pages and a half, tranſcribed from Mr. CIBBER's Preface to the *Provok'd Husband*.

The Book begins with her birth and parentage: 'She 'was born in Pall-Mall, in 1683. Her Grandfather was 'a Vintner; but on her Mother's ſide ſhe was well deſ-'cended. Her Father rode in the Guards, and had a 'Commiſſion under K. JAMES. She was put to a Semp-'ſtreſs in King's-ſtreet, Weſtminſter. Her Mother and 'ſhe lived for ſome time with her Siſter Mrs. VOSS, who 'kept the Mitre Tavern in S. James's Market. She was 'introduced to Mr. RICH by Sir JOHN VANBRUGH 'in 1699; her firſt Part was that of *Candiope*, in *Secret 'Love*, or the *Maiden Queen*; and her ſecond, *Alinda* in 'the *Pilgrim*. About 3 years after, ſhe ſucceeded Mrs. 'VERBRUGGEN in the Part of *Lady Lurewell*, in the '*Conſtant Couple*, which run 52 nights. But the Part 'which rendered her excellence chiefly known, was that 'of *Lady Betty Modiſh* in the *Careleſs Husband* in 1704. On which occaſion the Author aſſures us, 'It was not 'the Part of *Lady Betty Modiſh*, repreſented by Mrs. OLD-'FIELD, but it was the real Mrs. OLDFIELD who ap-'peared in the character of *Lady Betty Modiſh*.

After a ſhort digreſſion concerning Miſs CAMPION's being taken off the ſtage by the *D. of Devonſhire*, (which comes in very naturally, being done the ſame year) he tells us in the 4th page, That 'about this time a ſtrict Alliance 'of friendſhip had commenced between ARTHUR MAYN-'WARING, Eſq; and Mrs. OLDFIELD: and aſſures us from Mr. OLDMIXON's Life of Mr. MAYNWARING, 'that 'each of them lov'd with a paſſion that could hardly have 'been ſtronger, had it been both her and his firſt love. This naturally brings in an *Epilogue* to the *Wife's Relief*, written by Mr. MAYNWARING, and ſpoken by Mrs. OLD-FIELD. After which, at pag. 7. he ſays, 'It is not to 'be ſuppoſed that two Perſons under ſuch an affectionate 'Alliance could meet without conſummation. Then having given us 18 lines of a Prologue to *Camilla*, written by Mr. MAYNWARING, he tranſcribes a page and half from the Dedication to the *Careleſs Husband*; and in 9 pages and a half more, gives us the firſt Scene of the ſecond Act of that Play, being a dialogue between *Lady Betty* and *Lady Eaſy*.

In Pag. 23. he 'returns to Mr. MAYNWARING, who 'being honoured by Mrs. OLDFIELD with the birth of 'a Son, it was ſuch a rivet to Cupid's chains, as bound 'him much faſter to his Venus. —— He then tells us in the next page, how this Venus appear'd in the Tragic Scene, acting the parts of *Iſmena* in *Phædra and Hippolitus*, and of *Andromache* in the *Diſtreſt Mother*; which gives a juſt occaſion to quote a ſpeech or two of *Iſmenas*, to mention a few things in relation to thoſe Tragedies, and to print the Prologues and *Epilogues* of both. This takes up no more than 10 pages.

Having given a ſhort account of Mr. MAYNWARING's ſickneſs and death from the 37th to 39th page; to confirm the teſtimony of the Surgeons that Mr. *M.* had not the leaſt ſymptom of any thing venereal, he tells us, p. 40. that 'Mr. *M.* confeſſed to him, that he had made an 'unfortunate ſally in an Amour, which gave him a ſlight 'taint at Paris, 1698, that he was only patcht up there, 'but afterwards perfectly cured at London, ſince which 'time he had never had any ſuch misfortune. —— Nothing could more naturally follow the Account of Mr. *M.*'s deceaſe, than *A Defence of Mr.* M. *in a Letter to a Friend*, publiſhed ſoon after it happened. This Letter, which takes up little more than 5 pages, Mr. OLDMIXON aſſerts, was ſuppoſed to be written by the R. H. ROBERT WALPOLE, Eſq; The Writer of it ſays, 'The offence his '[Mr. *M.*'s] paſſion (for Mrs. Oldfield) gave, to all who 'eſteemed him is to be lamented, but not to be men-'tioned, eſpecially after his death. p. 45. And p. 46. he calls 'The *Examiner* a dull Fellow; and ſays, that 'no perſon who had any pretenſions to modeſty, piety or 'integrity, has been once named as the Author of that '*Paper*. Upon which the Writer of the Life adds this note at the bottom of the page, *It is now well known, that the perſons concerned in carrying on the* Examiner, *were, Mrs.* Manley, *Dr.* Swift, *Lord* Bolingbroke, *Mr.* Prior, *and Mr.* Oldiſworth. *Meſſieurs* Pope *and* Arbuthnot *often laid their hands to the* ſame plow, *and ſome others of their Clan.*

The ſhort digreſſion about Mr. *M.* having taken up but 14 pages, the Author returns to the ſtage at the 51ſt: where having mentioned Mr. BETTERTON's and Mrs. BARREY's deaths, he calls to mind 'a paſſage in * Mr. POPE's *Familiar Letters to* HEN. CROMWELL, Eſq; in which he ſays, 'He would have put over him this ſentence of TULLY 'for an Epitaph, *Vitæ benè Actæ jucundiſſima eſt Recordatio*, in which our Author has diſcovered a very abſtruſe meaning, tranſlating it in a very ſurpriſing manner, *A life well acted is the beſt remembrance.* This epitaph, he preſumes, is in that Gentleman's opinion an 'univerſal one for all Players. —— 'The next capital 'Part, proceeds our Author at pag. 52. in which Mrs. 'OLDFIELD adorned the Britiſh Theatre was in that beautiful tranſition from Hector's Widow, to become a Queen 'of England, in the Tragedy of *Humfrey Duke of Glouceſter*, wherein ſhe acted *Margaret* and ſpoke the Epi-'logue: which he there gives us at length. Tho' the Reader cannot but own this to be a *beautiful tranſition* from the paſſage which immediately precedes it, yet he muſt look back fifteen pages, to diſcover to what this *next capital Part* refers, where at p. 36. he will ſee an account of her acting *Andromache*, and ſpeaking the Epilogue to the *Diſtreſt Mother*.

At p. 54. we are told, that the Author had 'been deſi-'red in the courſe of theſe Memoirs to inſert the principal 'Prologues ſpoken by Mr. WILKS, and the Epilogues ſpo-'ken by Mrs. OLDFIELD, (which he truly obſerves 'are) digreſſions equally uſeful and entertaining. And accordingly he prints the Prologues and Epilogues to *Cato*, to *the Nonjuror*, and to *Jane Shore*, (tho' the Epilogue to *Cato* was ſpoken by Mrs. *Porter*) and the Epilogue to *The Heroick Daughter*. Theſe are interſperſed with an *agreeable incident* (Mrs. CENTLIVRE's borrowing a book of Mrs. OLDFIELD, and returning it with 10 verſes written in a blank leaf;) with a *remarkable incident*, (Brig. Gen. CHURCHILL weeping for *Indiana* in the *Conſcious Lovers*;) and with 3 diſmal inſtances of *the fatality which happens to the ſhedders of blood*, in L. MOHUN, Mr. FULWOOD, and L. C. Juſt. PINE; all compriſed in 22 pages.

Having then given us 6 *Letters relating to the Hiſtory of the Stage*, which he ſays were written to Mrs. OLDFIELD, and which are concluded with the characters of 10 Plays taken from the *Tatlers*; all which fill up 35 pages, he 'returns for the laſt time to the Theatre at p. 113. Where he goes on thus 'Having already mentioned Miſs CAM-'PION's good fortune, in being honoured with the friend-'ſhip of the D. of *Devonſhire*, I am here to obſerve, that 'a very ſhort time put a period to her happineſs. This ſhort account of a perſon who had entirely left the Theatre, having been taken off the ſtage in 1704, is our Author's firſt ſtep in his *return to the Theatre*. And in this return going into *Buckinghamſhire*, at *Latimers* Church he finds a Monument with the following remarkable Inſcription.

Requieſcit hic
Pars mortalis Mariæ Annæ Campion.
Obiit 19 *Maii, Anno* M. DCC. VI. *Ætat.* 19.
Quod ſupereſt ex altera parte quære.
Formam egregiam et miris illecebris ornatam
Virtutes animi ſuperarunt.
Plebeium genus (ſed honeſtum)
Nobilitate morum decoravit.
Supra ætatem ſagax.
Supra ſortem (præſertim egenis) benigna.
Inter ſcenicos ludos (in quibus aliquandiu verſata eſt)
Verecunda et intemerata.
Poſt quatuor menſium languorem
(A febri hectica correptum)
Intempeſtivam mortem
Forti pectore et Chriſtiana pietate ſubivit.
Humanitate præditis
(Si quid mentem mortalia tangunt)
Flebilis:
Amicis heu flebilior!
Dilectiſſimis Reliquiis ſacrum
Lapidem hunc poni curavit
* G. D D.

* *i. e.* Gulielmus Dux Devoniæ.

To this he ſubjoins a Tranſlation, which, being written in the Grubean ſtrain, and containing ſeveral improvements of the Original, it will be entertaining to recite.

MARY ANNE CAMPION
Died on the 19*th day of May,* 1706,
in the 19*th year of her age.*

Reſting in peace, her mortal Part, here lies;
But her immortal Soul aſſumes the ſkies.
Her lovely Form with every Grace conjoin'd
Illuſtrated *the virtues of her mind.*
Tho' meanly born, her Moral's were ſincere,
And ſuch as the moſt noble blood might wear.
Her wiſdom far above her years did *ſhow;*
Above her fortune did *her bounty flow.*
Some years the ſtage her ſprightly Action grac'd,
Moſt others *in her conduct ſhe ſurpaſs'd.*
Four months a lingring fevers waſting pains
Her breaſt with Chriſtian fortitude ſuſtains.
Her immature deceaſe ſoft hearts bewail;
Relentleſs grief *her loving friends aſſail.*
Sacred to her moſt dear Remains, be't known,
His Grace of Devon conſecrates this ſtone.

Tho' the writer of this Epitaph does not here ſuppoſe that ſhe had an immortal ſoul, yet the religious Tranſlator aſſigns her one in the 2d verſe, which ſtands for a verſion of *Quod ſupereſt ex altera parte quære*, but which I think, (preſerving the ſame ſtrain of verſe) may be turned ſomewhat cleſer thus,

What's left of t'other part ſeek with your eyes.

He has taken the ſame liberty with the 2 next lines, which let us know, that *the Virtues of her mind excelled*, and conſequently *illuſtrated her egregious form.* Some of the elegancies are pointed out in *Italic*; and I think the Concluſion with a *Noverint Univerſi* (which the Lawyers generally put at the beginning of their Compoſitions) and the tranſlation of G. D. D. is admirable.

'The Gentleman who favoured our Author with this 'Tranſlation, aſſured him likewiſe, as he tells us p. 115, 'that in the blank leaf of her Common Prayer Book, given 'her by the D. of Devonſhire, were written the fol-'lowing 12 remarkable verſes, from Mr. DRYDEN's *Conqueſt of Granada*, which it ſeems his Grace recommended to her as a Plan of natural Religion, and of his own 'belief in ſuch matters, *viz.*

By reaſon man a Godhead may diſcern;
But how he ſhould be worſhipp'd cannot learn.
O Heav'n! how dark a riddle's thy decree,
Which bounds our wills, yet ſeems to leave 'em free?
Since thy foreknowledge cannot be in vain,
Our choice muſt be what thou didſt firſt ordain.
Thus, like a Captive in an Iſle confin'd,
Man walks at large, a priſoner of the mind.
Wills all his crimes, while heav'n th' indictment draws,
And pleading guilty juſtifies the laws.
None knows what fate is for himſelf deſign'd;
The thought of human chance ſhould make us kind.

I am inclin'd to think, that there is ſome miſtake in this Gentleman's Account, and that theſe verſes were not *writ-*

* *Theſe Letters were procured by one Mrs.* T. *who ſold them without the conſent of either of thoſe Gentlemen to* Curl, *who printed them* 1727. *The Author was aſham'd of them as trivial things, and only excuſable from his youth and inexperience.* See Dunciad, p. 96.

ten in a Common Prayer-Book, but in a *Rocheſter's Poems*, which would have then contained *a Plan of natural Religion*, both ſpeculative and practical.

Our Author in the next place mentions the clamour raiſed againſt Dr. KENNETT for preaching the ſermon at the funeral of the Duke: and in vindication of the former, ſays, 'he was wholly a ſtranger to the Amour with Miſs 'CAMPION, and of the latter, that we have been lately 'told by a noted * State-writer 'that Perſons who move in 'a ſuperior orb will not be mewed up; nor be barred 'thoſe pleaſures, which every inferior perſon thinks he 'has a right to purſue.

Having then told us in about 14 lines, that 'to point out 'the Perſons who ſhared the eſteem of Mrs. OLDFIELDS 'private friendſhip is not the intent of his Papers, &c. he 'makes an artful digreſſion to Mr. WYCHERLY in p. 121. in vindication of whoſe marriage he gives us a long letter from Capt. SHRIMPTON, adding his laſt Will and Teſtament, which fill up 20 pages.

At p. 141. we are informed, that 'upon the approach 'of her laſt illneſs ſhe requeſted her Phyſicians not to flat-'ter her, but to give their opinions freely. And when 'they told her, they feared the fatality of it, ſhe replied, 'without the leaſt ſhock or emotion, ſhe *acquieſced* in the 'lot Providence had aſſigned her; and *hoped ſhe ſhou'd 'bear her afflictions patiently*. Mrs. SAUNDERS, who had 'quitted the ſtage in 1720, attended her almoſt from the 'beginning to the end of her 6 months languiſhment. And 'in a Letter to the Author dated *Dec.* 29. 1730. aſſures 'him, that chriſtian fortitude ſhe had ſufficient: for tho' 'ſhe had no Prieſt, ſhe did the Office of one to the laſt. 'When her diſſolution drew nigh, and the lamp of life 'waxed dim, ſhe then expreſſed herſelf in broken words 'and pious meditations, in the moſt moving and ſtrongeſt 'manner you can imagine. It may juſtly be ſaid, *ſhe 'prayed without ceaſing*. ——— He proceeds to inform 'us, that ſhe expired Oct. 23. 1730. And as nicety of 'dreſs was her delight when living, ſhe was as nicely 'dreſſed after her deceaſe; being by Mrs SAUNDERS di-'rection laid thus in her coffin. She had on a very fine 'Bruſſels-lace-head; a Holland ſhift with Tucker and dou-'ble ruffles of the ſame lace; a pair of new kid gloves, 'and her body wrapped up in a winding ſheet. On her 'coffin was this Inſcription, ANNE OLDFIELD ÆTATIS 47. 'She divided her eſtate between her two ſons, and 'only children MAYNWARING and CHURCHILL.

In anſwer to a Reflection made by Mr. QUINDNUNC in the *Grubſtreet Journal* No. 44. the Author charitably 'wiſh-'es p. 145, that when he comes to die, a Teſtimony as 'ample, and ſincere of his *Chriſtian virtues*, may be pro-'duced, as Mrs. SAUNDERS has given of Mrs. OLDFIELDS; 'and for her *moral virtues* her laſt Will and Teſtament 'is a demonſtration of her juſtice, *viz.* in dividing her for-tune between her 2 ſons. One particular in Mrs. SAUN-DERS's letter quoted above, will incline this inlightened age to have the better opinion of Mrs. OLDFIELD's religion, becauſe from thence it may be inferred, that neither in her health, nor ſickneſs, ſhe was ever *prieſt ridden*. I ſhall therefore conclude all with the two laſt lines of the Author's Dedication,

Secure will be her everlaſting Fame,
Since SAUNDERS has embalm'd an OLDFIELDS name.

* *Obſervations on the Writings of the* Craftsman.

DOMESTICK NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
C. *Crafts-man.*
F. *Fog's Journal.*

THURSDAY, *March* 18.

Yeſterday being the Feaſt of S. Patrick, the tutelar Saint of Ireland, their Majeſties and the Royal Family wore croſſes in honour of the day. *D P.* &c. ——— The ſame day the Rev. Dr Byrch preached before her Majeſty, his Highneſs the Duke, &c. *C.* —— Monday morning a reprieve *ſine die* was ſent down to Wincheſter for Sir Sim. Clark, Bar. and Lieut. Arnot. *D P.* The Great Grandfather of Sir Simon was Maſter of the Robes to K. Charles I. raiſed a troop of horſe at his own charge, for his ſervice, and join'd his Majeſty at Oxford; and lent him ſeveral ſums of money to help carry on the war againſt his rebellious ſubjects: the eſtate of the family was about 2000 l. per ann. but ſold by the Grandfather of this Sir Simon. *L E.* Mar. 18.

We hear that Mr. Wilks, the celebrated Comedian, will accompany his Grace the D. of Dorſet over to Ireland, &c. *C.* ——— *I preſume it ſhould be* attend, *inſtead of* accompany.

Yeſterday the Lords of the Admiralty appointed Capt. Baker to be Commander of the Sea-horſe, in the room of Capt. Saunders, deceaſed. *D P.* Edw. Baker, Brother to Hercules Baker, Eſq; Member of Parl. for Hythe in Kent *P.*

We hear that ſeveral deeds and writings, which might help to make out the diſcharges of manors, &c. from payment of Tythes, are to be found in the Augmentation Office, Weſtminſter, and more might be found there, if an allowance was made for putting the ſaid Office in better order. *P.*

The Aſſizes ended at Northampton on friday laſt, when 6 perſons received ſentence of death. —— It is remarkable, that at the Aſſizes held at Oakham for the county of Rutland, there was nothing to be done either on the Crown ſide, or Niſi Prius, there being no priſoners, nor ſo much as one cauſe. *D P.*

The young lad, ſcholar at Eaton, &c. has been admitted to bail in a large recognizance, to anſwer the ſame the next Aſſizes for the county of Bucks. *E P. L E.* —— *The C. of Mar.* 16. *told us, he was* to take his tryal at the Old Bailey.

A fine gravel walk is laying from the late Sir Cha. Ayre's houſe in Richmond, to the Queen's houſe in the ſame town, which, we hear, will coſt ſome hundred pounds. *S J. L E.* —— Yeſterday died at her houſe in Conduit-ſtreet near Hanover ſquare, the Lady Pitts. *S J.* —— *This* Lady Pitts *was* Mrs. Pitt, Relict of the late Dr. Pitt, *according to* the P. *Mar.* 20.

The Rev. Dr. Bearcroft, Preacher to the Charter-houſe, is nominated by the L. A. B of Canterbury, to the Vicarage of Eltham; and the Rev. Mr. Spateman, Rect. of Great S. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, is preſented by the L. Chancellor to a Prebend in the Cathedral of Litchfield. *L E.*

A Proclamation for a Fair in Scotland, which ſhews that they retain their original language, tho' they follow the Engliſh in every thing elſe. —— 'O yes! and that's 'e'e time; O yes! and that's twaa times; O yes! and that's 'the third and laſt time: all manner of pearſon or pear-'ſons whatſoe'er, let 'em draw near, and I ſhall let 'em 'kenn, that there is a fair to be held at the muckle town 'of Langholm, for the ſpace of aught days; wherein if 'any huſtrin, cuſtrin, land louper, dub-skouper, or gang-the-gate-ſwinger, ſhall bread any urdam, durdam, rable-'ment, brabblement, or ſquabblement, he ſhall have his 'lugs tack'd to the muckle trone, with a nail of twal a 'penny until he down of his hob ſhanks, and up 'with his muckle doaps, and pray to hea'n, neen times 'God bleſs the King, and thrice the muckle Loard 'of Relton, paying a groat to me Jemmy Feerguſon, 'Baily of the aforeſaid mannor. —— So you heard my 'proclamation, and I'll haam to my dinner. *L E.* ——— *Upon reading this* Proclamation for a Highland Fair. *I fancied I had formerly met with ſomething in a like ſtrain, tho' in a different dialect. and upon looking back among my News Papers found in the* D P. *of* Nov. 11. *laſt* a Proclamation from the Oratory *in which was the following rhetorical flouriſh.* 'A Journal of the Life there [at Bath], raffling, 'and fiddling, and piping, and ſinging, and ſhuffling, and 'cutting, and pumping, and mumping, and rattling, and 'tattling, and battling, &c *which ſeems to be a plain imitation of* huſtrin, cuſtrin, landlouper, &c.

FRIDAY, *March* 19.

Yeſterday the L. Commiſſioners of the Admiralty appointed Mr. Hayes, his Majeſty's naval officer at Port Mahon, to be naval officer at Gibraltar, in the room of Mr. Haggee, deceaſed; Mr. Gother, Foreman of the Float at Woolwich, to ſucceed Mr. Hayes: and the Surveyor of the Navy appointed Mr Marſh to ſucceed Mr. Gother. *P.* —— Laſt week died Mr. Greenhill, Uſher of the Court at the L. Chancellor's; and, we hear, he is ſucceeded by Mr. Goodwin, a Chymiſt, near the Hay-market *D P.*

Yeſterday morning died the Lady of his Grace the Archbiſhop of Canterbury. *D P.* About 10 in the forenoon. *P.* Early yeſterday morning. *D J. Mar.* 20. We are well aſſured that the report is entirely groundleſs. *C.* 20. —— *This revival is not ſo great a diſappointment, as that which lately happened at the ſame place.*

Laſt wedneſday night the Lady of Sir John Frederick, Bar. was brought to bed of a Son, at his houſe in Pall Mall *P.* Of a Daughter. *D P.*

Wedneſday was a general meeting of the Free Maſons at the Devil Tavern at Temple-bar, at which were preſent the D. of Richmond, L. Colraine, Dr. D'Aguliers, &c. when they choſe the L. Loveil their Grand Maſter for the year enſuing. *P.* —— Yeſterday morning the Court of Aſſiſtants of the Merchant-Taylors Company choſe Mr. Creech Head Maſter of their ſchool; the Rev. Mr. Fayring ſucceeds Mr. Creech as ſecond Maſter; the Rev. Mr Broaker ſucceeds Mr. Fayring, as third Maſter; and the Rev. Mr. Burn ſucceeds Mr. Broaker, as Under-maſter. *D P.*

Yeſterday Michael Cox, Joſ. and Mary Richmond, Hawkers, for ſelling the Lords Proteſt, Jago diſplayed, a Letter to Don Ruperti de Poli, and ſeveral other Libels, were carried before Sir Will. Billers, and the men committed to the Workhouſe for 1 year and a day. The woman was diſcharged, as acting under her husband. *P.* Only for 10 days. *C.* Mar. 20.

SATURDAY, *March* 20.

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. Stillingfleet, Dean of Worceſter, preached before her Majeſty, his Highneſs the Duke, and all the Princeſſes in the Royal Chappel at S. James's. *C.* ——— The ſame day a Grant paſſed the Seals, from the Crown to her Majeſty, of the manor of Eaſt-Greenwich in Kent, and after her deceaſe, to P. William, the Princeſs Royal, and the Princeſs Emilia, and for the life of the ſurvivor of them. *D J.*

The ſame day Sir John Gonſon, Juſt. Rialton, Juſt. Meard, Juſt. Young, and 4 or 5 more, met at Covent-garden Veſtry, and examined ſeveral idle and diſorderly perſons, apprehended late the night before; and 4 of the moſt notorious were committed to Tothill-fields Bridewell, to beat hemp. —— The noted Mother Needham was alſo yeſterday committed to the Gate-houſe, by Juſt. Railton. *Ibid. P.*

Portſmouth, Mar. 16. Friday laſt, Tho. Wright and Will. Speechly of Col. Fielding's Regiment of Invalids, quarrelling about a lewd woman, drew their ſwords, and after 1 or 2 paſſes, the former ran the other through the body, by which wound he expired in about half an hour, forgiving his antagoniſt. *D J.*

A few days ſince died at Weybridge in Surrey, Brigadier Watkins, Surveyor Gen. of the King's private roads, and Capt. of the Troop of Weſtminſter militia. *D P.* —— Mr. Charles Darliquenave, Son to Charles Darliquenave Eſq; Surveyor Gen. of the King's Gardens, ſucceeds him as Surveyor of the private roads. *S J.* Charles Dartiquenave, jun. Eſq; *L E.*

Her Grace the Dutcheſs of Newcaſtle continues greatly indiſpoſed with a nervous or ſlow fever. —— Brigadier Gen. Churchill has obtained his Majeſty's leave to go to Geneva with his Son. *L E.*

Laſt thurſday night, at a very numerous meeting of the Royal Society, after the new fangled ſtatute had been read concerning the altering the form of their election, *by this* entirely new modelled, an eminent and learned Phyſician moved, that it might be framed, and expoſed in publick, and all election adjourned to next week; and the rather was this inſiſted on and ſeconded, as it was juſtly obſerved, the ſtatute Book, tho' expreſly enjoyned, had not lain on the table for the peruſal of the Members ſeveral meetings paſt, who have no other time to acquaint themſelve *with them*; but this objection being partly ſubmitted, partly over-ruled, and *again* amendment promiſed, the Fellows proceeded to the Ballot for the election of Dr. John Amand, of Schaffhauſen, M. D. now living with Dr. Sloan (peculiarly famous for his voluminous and elaborate Treatiſe *de venis in corpore bibulis*, an exerciſe for his degree in his profeſſion) and *upon ſearch of the Ballot* 57 balls were found in his favour, and 25 againſt him; upon which he was, by the Preſident declared duly elected. Afterwards they proceeded to the nomination, and, according to the new ſtatute, the immediate Ballot for Dr. Moleſworth, Brother to the preſent Viſc. Moleſworth of Ireland, who had only 7 negative Balls, and was elected Fellow. At this meeting Mr. Iſaac Rand preſented to the Society ſpecimens of 50 exotick plants growing in the Phyſick garden at Chelſea, being the 8th tribute paid by the company of Apothecaries to this Society, as obliged annually by their Benefactor, Dr. Sloan, who has conſtituted the Royal Society *his* perpetual Viſitors, *the names of which* were diſtinctly read by the moſt learned Dr. Mortimer, their Secretary, who preſented the model of a horn of a Sword fiſh, the original of which is in Sir Charles Wager's hands, and was found ſtuck very deep into the planks of a man of war, repairing at the dock in Portſmouth, and, as was moſt accurately obſerved, it entered as deep as a hammer could drive a nail at 6 ſtrokes. *D P.* ——— *Our* Society *is obliged to that in* Crane-Court, *for the honour they do ſome of our Members, in conferring it to them to draw up an account of the* weekly Tranſactions *there.*

MONDAY, *March* 22.

Yeſterday the Court went into mourning for 3 months, on account of the death of her Majeſty's Siſter. *C.* Princeſs of Anhault. *P.* Princeſs Dowager of Hannau. *D P.* Counteſs of Anhalt. *D J.* ——— The R. Rev. Dr. Clavering, L. Biſhop of Peterborough, preached before the King and Queen, &c. and the Rev. Dr. Byrch before his R. Highneſs the Duke, &c. *C.*

We hear that the Rev. Dr. Maddox, Clerk of the Cloſet to her Majeſty, was lately marry'd to Miſs Price, a very agreeable Lady of 18,000 l. fortune. *D P. D J.* — Very agreeable *are words altogether ſuperfluous.*

We hear that Tho. Clutterbuck, Eſq; Member of Parl for Leskard, who was Secretary to the R. H. L. Carteret, when L. Lieut. of Ireland, is to go Secretary to the Embaſſy to Turin, the Hon. Hen. Vane, Eſq; having, as is ſaid, declined it. *D P.*

Laſt friday the corpſe of Mrs. Pyncombe, was carried down to be interr'd amongſt her Anceſtors in Devonſhire: ſhe was a Lady of exemplary piety, and eminent for her regard to religion and the Clergy, qualities rarely to be found in the preſent age. *Ibid.*

Laſt ſaturday the Aſſizes ended at Rocheſter, when 3 Malefactors received ſentence of death, viz. one Ford, for ſending a threatning letter; one Elphick, for houſe-breaking; and another, for a robbery on the highway. *D J.* Ric. Wiſeman, for buggery. *P.* With a Girl of 11 years of age: 2 other indictments were found againſt him for the like offences. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 23.

Sunday laſt arrived here an expreſs from Vienna, who (we are informed) brought the agreeable news of a Convention being concluded between Great Britain, the Emperor, Spain, and Dutch. *P.* —— The ſame night his excellency M. Thom, Reſident from the Duke of Wolfenbuttle Lunenburgh, received by an expreſs the account of the death of the ſaid Duke his Maſter, which he immediately communicated to his Majeſty. *Ibid.*

Sunday night his Majeſty, we are aſſured, received by expreſs the agreeable news of a general pacification having been ſigned. *D P.*

Friday laſt the Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company diſcharged from their ſervice the 2 principal Clerks to their Committee for buying, on account of their having accepted of preſents from ſome of their tradeſmen. *D J.*

Yeſterday at the Quarter Seſſions for the City and Liberties of Weſtminſter, the infamous Mother Needham, who has been reported to have been dead for ſome time, to skreen her from ſeveral proſecutions, was brought from the Gate-houſe, and pleaded not guilty to an indictment found againſt her for keeping a lewd and diſorderly houſe; but for want of ſureties was remanded back to priſon. *C.*

They write from Hertford, that Jer. Hitch, convicted for ſending 2 threatning letters, died on friday laſt; he was to have been executed on ſaturday. *Ibid.* —— Thurſday night the Aſſizes ended at Lincoln, when 5 perſons received ſentence of death, among whom one Hall Brumhead, for ſending a threatning letter. Upon his conviction, the proſecutors are entitled to the ſum of 300 l. reward. *D P.* ——At the Aſſizes at Thetford, 7 men were condemned to be hanged, and the maid concerned in the murder of her miſtreſs, ſentenced to be burnt at Lynn. *P.*

Norwich, Mar. 20. At Bungay, monday morning laſt, a poor man was found hanging in a Gentleman's ſtable, who with his penknife immediately cut him down; but running for aſſiſtance, left his penknife behind: the poor man before his return recovered, and cut his throat with it; but not doing it effectually, and a river near, he jumped into it; but company following him, he was dragged out alive, and is like to recover. *Ibid.*

Yeſterday the Lady Suſannah Hamilton, Siſter to the D. of Hamilton and Brandon, kiſſed the Queen's hand on her being appointed third Lady of the Bedchamber to their R. Highneſſes the 3 eldeſt Princeſſes. *S J.* With a ſalary of 300 l. per ann. *L E.*

This day the R. H. L. Mayor gave a grand entertainment at Fiſhmonger's-Hall, to the D. and Dutcheſs of Bedford, the E. of Lichfield and his Lady, with ſeveral other Perſons of diſtinction; and the evening is to conclude with a ball. *Ibid.*

WEDNESDAY, *March* 24.

Yeſterday the Lords heard a Cauſe brought by an Appeal from Chancery in a Cauſe depending between Robinſon and Wickett; the Queſtion was, Whether an advowſon in groſs was aſſets at law, and liable to anſwer the debts of the Inteſtate, Mr. Tong; the Judges being of opinion that the ſame was aſſets, ſubject to pay the debts of the deceaſed, the Lord Chancellor's decree was unanimouſly affirm'd: We hear this is a precedent, the like not having been tried and determined before. *D P.*

It is written from Amſterdam, in private letters by yeſterdays Holland Mail, that the Britiſh and Imperial Miniſters, and the Duke de Liria (for Spain) had ſigned at Vienna, an agreement for a general pacification; to which France and the States General were invited; and it was not doubted but that they would acceed. That the Duke de Liria had received Credentials, inveſting him with proper powers from the King of Spain, and was to have an audience of the Emperor thereupon. *D J.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Shortly will be publiſh'd Advertiſements in PROSE *and* RHYME, *after the manner of Satan's Game Cock, whoſe Name begins with a* HEN *and ends with a* LY.

I. Whether all the Felons that have been hang'd at Tybourne for five years paſt, were not honeſter and handſomer men, juſter both in Action and Speech, and better GRAMMARIANS, than the BULL BEEF ORATOR.

II. Whether to praiſe the ſame people for two-pence be right,
Who once were abuſed for twelve-pence a night.

III. Whether this News, cou'd of being acceptable fail:
We have a GENERAL PEACE, and H —— is in JAIL.

NB. Is not he a ſilly CUR,
To abuſe LAWTON GILLIVER?

Edinburgh, Mar. 11. Yeſterday was committed to our goal Gab. Cunningham, who ſome months ago was ſentenced to be executed at Glaſgow, but was afterward ordered to be tranſported: but, it ſeems, he has made his eſcape, and is come back to get the firſt ſentence put in execution, not being pleaſed with the ſecond. *C. P. Mar.* 18.

Dublin, Mar. 13 Letters Patent have paſſed the great ſeal, conſtituting Peter Viraſell, Eſq; Comptroller of his Majeſty's Ordinance of this kingdom, during his Majeſty's pleaſure. *C. P. D J. Mar.* 20. — 'tis ſaid the Dutcheſs of Tyrconnel left near a million value, in eſtate and money, which is now moſtly poſſeſſed by the R. Hon. E. Roſs, her Grandſon. *C.* Eſtates and money. *D J.* A million of money. *P.*

Dublin, Mar. 16. Laſt night a few Scholars diverting themſelves after the Play, were affronted by ſome fellows belonging to St. Michael's watch, who ſeeing but 2 or 3 of the former at firſt, fell upon them in a furious manner, which in a minute or 2 cauſed an obſtinate battle, the watchmen uſing their bills and halberts, and the Gentlemen their ſwords, piſtols and blu geons; ſeveral ſhot were fired, and many cuts and wounds given on both ſides; at laſt the ſcholars were over-powered by the watchmen coming in from the adjacent houſes, and 5 of them were ſurrounded and taken, and immediately in a very indignant manner carried by their conquerors to Newgate; but word ſoon coming to the College, the ſtudents gather'd together, and ſtrove to get out to revenge the abuſe, and deliver the priſoners; but by the care and intreaty of the Dean, Dr. Grafton, they were reſtrained, till the Lord Mayor was acquainted with the affair, who immediately went with his guard and releaſed the young Gentlemen, and quieted the uproar in a few hours. One Joſeph Carrol, a watchman, died the next morning of the wounds he received; and one Mr. Fitzgerald, and ſeveral other ſcholars are ſo deſperately mangled, that it is thought they cannot recover. The Roman Catholick Clergy have read declarations in their Chapels againſt riots, and threaten to excommunicate all perſons of their religion, who ſhall preſume to diſturb the publick tranquility. *C.* &c. *Mar.* 23.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *March* 18.

Yeſte day arrived the Mail due from France.

Paris, Mar. 24. N. S. The 18th the place under the Portico of the Chapel of Verſailles was hanged with tapeſtry, heightened with gold and ſilver [gold and ſilver tapeſtry. *D J.*] repreſenting the acts of the Apoſtles; and a croſs being placed there upon a cuſhion, the King came and worſhipped it, accompanied by the Princes and Princeſſes of the blood; but the Queen was not there, by reaſon of her cold. *C. D J.*

FRIDAY, *March* 19.

Paris, Mar. 16. The 1ſt Preſident of the Parliament having ſent an Expreſs to Verſailles to deliver to the Chancellor a Copy of the Reſolution of the Parliament, that Miniſter was cruelly vexed at the words, 'That his Majeſty's prohibition had filled the Parliament with the 'deepeſt concern, as it obliged them to be ſilent in mat'ters which regard the welfare of the ſtate, and his Maje'ſty's ſervice; and that the Parliament would think them'ſelves happy in laying the n before his Majeſty, whenever 'he ſhould pleaſe to give them leave. —— To this the Chancellor ſent back the following anſwer. 'Sir, I re'ceived the Copy, &c. I am equally concerned and ſur'prized at it: I have read it over and over with atten'tion; and was not leſs ſurprized at the laſt reading 'than at the firſt. This Reſolution is as ſtrong, and 'even ſtronger than any new Remonſtrances could 'have been. I ſend it back to you, and leave it to the 'prudence of the Aſſembly to think of ways and means 'to prevent the evils which this Reſolution might be at'tended with. I am, &c. ——Several perſons, who 'handed about Copies of the Abbot de Pucelle's ſpeech in 'Parliament, have been committed to the Baſtile. —— Father Coiffrel the Jeſuite, preaching ſome days ago upon the words, *Many are called, but few are choſen*, ſaid, 'All are called, my Brethren; but few are choſen, becauſe 'they will not receive the grace that is offered them in 'the Conſtitution *Unigenitus*. *P.*

Rome, Feb. 17. N. S. We cannot learn the name of the Cavalier, who on tueſday laſt was outlaw'd, and his eſtate ſequeſtered, for having killed a ſervant of his, with whoſe wife he had been familiar. *P.* —*I inſert this piece of news for the ſake of the pious, ingenious, and learned Reflection which follows it in* the *P.* David's ſin; the ſtep is very eaſy from adultery to murder: it is frequently, nay, uſually thus; one ſin is a *ſhooing-horn* [particularly in the caſe of cuckoldom] to another: *abyſſus abyſſum invocat*: one *abyſs* calls upon another.

Vienna, Mar. 10. We flatter our ſelves, that her Imperial Majeſty is with child, having been lately let blood, and abſented from publick devotions. *D P.* —— *I hope it ſhould be read* publick diverſions.

Moſcow, Feb. 16. The Swediſh Miniſter having demanded of Baron Oſterman a plain declaration concerning the report, That her Czarian Majeſty deſigned to ſend a fleet to the coaſts of the Baltick, to execute the promiſe made to furniſh the Emperor with 30,000 men, and to ſend them by the way of Poland; that Vice-Chancellor anſwered him, That the report was without foundation *C.*

SATURDAY, *March* 20.

Extract of a private letter from Seville. —— A beginning has been made in the diſtribution of the effects of the Flotilla, and it is given out, that the ſilver will be delivered very ſpeedily; all at the inſtances of the Court of Great Britain. Which is a manifeſt proof, not only of the good underſtanding between the 2 Crowns; but that what is doing before Gibraltar, is really with no other view, than to prevent a contraband Trade, which has been carried on there, to the great prejudice of his Majeſty's revenues, without the leaſt thought o attacking that place. *P.*

Extract of a private letter from Paris. —— This Court is outragious againſt a certain Miniſtry, and meditates nothing but revenge. France cannot brook the loſs of the mediation, and that pains ſhould be taken at Vienna and Seville, not only to reconcile thoſe Courts, but alſo to form an Alliance between the Emperor, England, Spain, Holland the Princes of the Empire, and as many in the North, as the Emperor, and the K. of Great Britain can influence. This is the mine they pretend to have diſcovered here, and which they will labour very hard to ſap. —— There are inſinuations of a ſett of men, who will have ſome myſtery to be concealed under the reparations, which have been a conſiderable time making at the Caſtle at S. Germain en Laye. *Ibid.*

MONDAY, *March* 22.

Rome Feb. 21. N. S. With great diſpleaſure we hear another hereſiacal Propoſition iſſued from the Court of France, namely, That the Pope cannot abſolve his ſubjects from their oath of Allegiance, becauſe Sovereign Princes hold their authority from the ſame God that gives him his. And they quote the Hymn that ſays, *Non eripit mortalia, qui regna dat æterna.* So that if Jeſus Chriſt does not pretend to take away any temporal dominion, how can the Pope pretend to do it? *P.*

Yeſterday arrived the Mail from France.

Paris, Mar. 28. Letters from Rome of the 8th advi', that on the 3d Signior Neophytus Nari, a native of Aleppo, Archbiſhop *in partibus*, and known throughout the Eaſt for the great number of books he wrote in favour of the Roman Catholick Religion, had the misfortune to have 3 of his ribs broke by a Coach-pole in the ſtreet del Corſo; of which he died the ſame evening. *C. D J.* Againſt the Greek Church, in which he had been educated. *P.*

The Ground has been marked out, for a Convent to be built for the Nuns of S. Michael, and there are to be two Choirs in it, one for thoſe Nuns, and the other for Women and Girls of looſe lives, who ſhall be ſhut up therein. *C.* Two Partitions. *D J.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 23.

Yeſterday arrived a Mail from Holland.

Bruſſels, Mar. 22. We learn from the frontiers, that the French continue to fortify Gravelines. *D J.*

Vienna, Mar. 14. A report has been very current of the death of the grand D. of Florence; but ſome will have it, that this is groundleſs. According to ſome advices from Italy, Gen. Stampa has taken down the Pope's Placaerts, which had been poſted up in divers parts of the Parmaſan, and had put up an Imperial Ordinance in the room, forbidding any manner of reſpect to be paid to any other Placaerts, Mandates, &c. than thoſe publiſhed by his Imperial Majeſty. *Ibid.*

Franckfort, Mar. 21. Some advices from Vienna intimate, that the Emperor is expected at Ratisbon in June next, there to ſettle the ſucceſſion to his eſtates, by the conſent and advice of the Electors, Princes, and States of the Empire. From Italy, that the D. of Tuſcany lies in ſo weak a condition, that his life is deſpaired of. *D J.*

WEDNESDAY, *March* 24.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail from Holland, *and one from* Flanders.

Amſterdam, Mar. 30. It is adviſed from Florence, That the Grand Duke was recovered of his indiſpoſition. *D J.*

Hague, Mar. 29. Laſt night the Earl of Cheſterfield, the Britiſh Embaſſador Extraordinary, received two expreſſes from Vienna, one whereof his Excellency diſpatch'd forthwith to London; with the Treaty concluded between the Emperor and his Britannick Majeſty. This day his Excellency has had a conference with ſeveral Lords of the Regency. We learn by the ſame Expreſſes, that the Duke of Liria has had a private audience of his Imperial Majeſty, and appears intirely ſatisfy'd with the Treaty ſign'd there. *D P.*

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